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## Council District 6

Melissa Cabello Havrda



**Dear Neighbors,**

This Tuesday, October 1st is National Night Out and the District 6 Team is excited to join over 25 neighborhoods across our community! I hope you'll take the time to meet your neighbors and local law enforcement as we work to make our community safer for all.

### [Animal Care Services](#)

Speaking of public safety, one of the biggest concerns residents have shared with the District 6 Team involves loose and stray dogs. That's why I made it a FY2020 Budget priority to secure a dedicated District 6 Animal Care Service Officer. Animal Care Officers provide a variety of services to the citizens of the City of San Antonio including:

- Answering calls concerning suspected abuse or cruelty to animals
- Animal bites
- Barking dogs, nuisance cats and other animals that present a problem to the community.
- Injured animals
- Livestock issues
- Illegal animal sales

Animal Care Service Officers also focus on teaching responsible pet ownership. With our new ACS Officer starting this fiscal year, my hope is

that District 6 residents will become more aware of City ordinances and state animal laws that must be followed including microchipping, leash laws, and rules around animal abuse and cruelty.

### [SASpeakUp](#)

As your District 6 City Councilwoman, my job is to ensure that you have a voice at City Hall. I know that in order to successfully develop policy, we must give residents every opportunity to engage the process in a meaningful way. That's why our office provides many avenues for District 6 residents to engage with their City government including through [SASpeakUp](#).

SASpeakUp allows San Antonio residents the opportunity to provide input on City policies, programs, and initiatives that will come up to City Council in the near future. In the past year, SASpeakUp has published surveys on important programs like the Risk Mitigation Fund, Dockless Vehicles, Pet Sales, the FY2020 Budget, and more. Currently, there are several issues that the City is looking to receive feedback on including their [Housing Tax Credit](#) policy and the [Highway 151 and Loop 1604 Area Regional Center Plan](#). You can access both surveys in the links above or in the next section of the District 6 newsletter.

When residents are engaged, policy makers make better informed decisions that are right for you. I hope you'll take some time to provide your thoughts and complete the surveys.

Yours in service,



**Melissa Cabello Havrda**  
**Councilwoman, District 6**

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**FROM THE  
DISTRICT 6 OFFICE**

## The Week in Photos



Councilwoman Cabello Havrda spoke to 9th Grade students at John Marshall Law and Medical Services Magnet School about ethics in law and government on Friday, September 20th. Currently in its inaugural year, the Marshall Law and Medical Services Magnet School allows students from across Northside ISD to take courses in the areas of Medical Services; Police, Law & Legal Services; and Legal Governance and Public Administration. You can access more photos [here](#) and learn more about the Marshall magnet program [here](#).



Councilwoman Cabello Havrda joined Councilmembers Andrews-Sullivan and Pelaez for CPS Energy's Panel on a Day in the Life of a San Antonio Council Member on Friday, September 20th. The event was cosponsored by

the Hispanic Organization of Public Employees (HOPE), Women in Energy (WE), and NextGen.



Councilwoman Cabello Havrda attended the Meadow Village Neighborhood Association Meeting on Tuesday, September 24th. The District 6 Office provided updates on National Night Out, upcoming street projects, and speeding around John Jay High School.



Councilwoman Cabello Havrda met with the League of Women Voters on Wednesday, September 25th to learn more about their mission and how the District 6 Council Office can support their work. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government and works to increase understanding of major public policy issues. Learn more about the League of Women Voters [here](#).

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# Council Committee Meetings

The District 6 Office has heard from many residents about the need to bring greater transparency to local government. While Council A and B Sessions have historically been broadcast on public access television and online at TVSA, the City of San Antonio has started broadcasting Council Committee Meetings and some Boards and Commissions Meetings.

Back in July, Mayor Nirenberg appointed Councilwoman Cabello Havrda to seven Council Committees including the Public Safety, Transportation and Mobility, Inter-Governmental Relations, Economic and Workforce Development, Innovation and Technology, Investments, and Municipal Court Committees. To keep residents informed on what happens on these council committees, below you'll find the calendar of Councilwoman Cabello Havrda's committee meetings for the next month. We hope you'll tune in!

## **Economic and Workforce Development Committee Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, October 1st

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: City Council Chambers

## **Inter-Governmental Relations Committee Meeting**

Date: Wednesday, October 9th

Time: 10:00 am

Location: City Council Chambers

## **Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, October 15th

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: City Council Chambers

## **Transportation and Mobility Committee Meeting**

Date: Monday, October 21st

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: City Council Chambers

## **Innovation and Technology Committee Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, October 22nd

Time: 2:00 pm

You can access each committee meeting agenda [here](#).

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## Looking for An Opportunity to Serve Your Community?

**The District 6 Office is currently seeking applicants to fill Boards and Commissions vacancies. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.**

Neighborhood Improvements Advisory Committee

Small Business Advocacy Committee

Transportation Advisory Board

City Commission on Veterans Affairs

San Antonio Housing Trust

San Antonio Youth Commission

City of San Antonio Higher Education Student Advisory Board  
(College students only)

For more information, please call Matthew Baiza at  
[matthew.baiza@sanantonio.gov](mailto:matthew.baiza@sanantonio.gov) or call 210-207-3479.

**[Click here to apply today!](#)**

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## SASpeakUp Survey: Housing Tax Credits



According to San Antonio's Housing Policy Framework, half of all renters in the city spend more than a third of their income on rent. This means that families have less money left over for basic needs like food, transportation, healthcare, and quality of life.

The Housing Tax Credit (HTC) program helps build and preserve affordable housing all over the United States. Since 1986, the program has helped build affordable apartments for about 700,000 households in Texas. The City expects HTCs to fund more than 70% of all affordable apartments in San Antonio.

To receive HTCs, developers apply to the State. They need a letter of support from the City where they want to build. The City of San Antonio is updating our criteria for letters of support.

The survey will be open on the SASpeakUp website from September 25th through October 11th. To take the survey, click the button below.

**TAKE SURVEY**

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**SASpeakUp Survey: Highway 151 and Loop  
1604 Area Regional Center Plan**



The City of San Antonio's Planning Department is gathering community feedback to improve the draft recommendations that have been developed related to land use, housing strategies, and economic development strategies for the Highway 151 & Loop 1604 Area Regional Center Plan. The Planning Department is also requesting input related to mobility in the Plan area.

The Plan will guide development and City decisions and investments over the next 10 years. To learn more about the Highway 151 & Loop 1604 Area Regional Center Plan, please visit: <https://highway151.sacompplan.com/>

The content of the Plan will address the following topics:

- Economic Development
- Housing
- Infrastructure and Public Space
- Land Use and Development
- Neighborhood Priorities
- Parks and Trails
- Transformative Projects
- Transportation

The survey will be open on the SASpeakUp website from September 16th through November 1st. To take the survey, click the button below.

**TAKE SURVEY**

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**Survey: Civic Engagement in District 6**



District 6 residents, we want to hear from you!

In partnership with the volunteers from the Latina Leadership Institute, the District 6 Office would like residents to take this brief survey and let us know how you feel about street and sidewalk repairs in the district. We also want to know how you prefer to get involved in your community and learn if there is an interest in pop up civic engagement events, right in your neighborhood.

To take the survey, click the button below.

[TAKE SURVEY](#)

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## AROUND DISTRICT 6

### Upcoming Community Meetings



#### **City of San Antonio National Night Out**

Date: October 1st

Time: Varies by Neighborhood

Location: Various Neighborhoods Across District 6

### **Terminate Graffiti Monthly Meeting**

Date: October 2nd

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Prue Substation, 5020 Prue Road

### **Northwest Neighborhood Alliance Meeting**

Date: October 2nd

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Braun Station West Clubhouse, 8630 Tezel Rd.

### **New Territories Neighborhood Meeting**

Date: October 3rd

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Brauchle Elementary Cafeteria, 8555 Bowens Crossing

### **Tara Neighborhood Meeting**

Date: October 9th

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Christian Evers Elementary, 1715 Richland Hills

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## **Free Fun at San Antonio Libraries September 27-29**



### **TODDLER 2**

Great Northwest Branch Library (9050 Wellwood, 78250)

Friday, September 27

10:15am

### **Guerra Chess Club**

Guerra Branch Library (7978 Military Dr. W., 78227)

Friday, September 27

3 – 5pm

Location: Guerra Library

Kids, Teens, Adults, Family, Seniors, All Ages

Chess is a great game for all ages. Join our group each Friday to learn about the game and to meet other chess players.

### **Come and Go Craft**

Potranco Branch Library (8765 State Hwy. 151, #102, 78245)

Saturday, September 28

Use paper plates, construction paper, and more to make your very own wind chime. Easy and fast craft project.

### **Quilting Bee**

Guerra Branch Library (7978 Military Dr. W., 78227)

Saturday, September 28

10am – 2pm

### **Autism Accessible Browsing Hour**

Guerra Branch Library (7978 Military Dr. W., 78227)

Saturday, September 28

6:15 – 7:15pm

Neurodiverse families and individuals are invited to a judgment-free, low lighting, sensory friendly hour. The entire library is yours to use and enjoy!

This evening there will be a bubble machine and an opportunity to "Just Dance" in the meeting room. In the main library space, you'll find blocks, play dough and other items to explore. A calming space will be available.

Read the Social Story at <http://tiny.cc/guerra28sep>

### **I Heart Vinyl**

Potranco Branch Library (8765 State Hwy. 151, #102, 78245)

Sunday, September 29

All Day

This day-long event showcases Potranco Branch Library's stellar collection of classic and contemporary vinyl.

### **Come and Go Craft**

Potranco Branch Library (8765 State Hwy. 151, #102, 78245)

Sunday, September 29

Use paper plates, construction paper, and more to make your very own wind

chime. Easy and fast craft project.

### **Sunday Funday (Teens Only)**

Potranco Branch Library (8765 State Hwy. 151, #102, 78245)

Sunday, September 29

1 – 2:30pm

Enjoy a good time on a Sunday Afternoon. Our Fun Day will be full of video games, virtual reality, trivia, board games, snacks and more!!!!

### **American Sign Language Meet up**

Potranco Branch Library (8765 State Hwy. 151, #102, 78245)

Sunday, September 29

2 – 4pm

Meet others in our community who are interested in American Sign Language,

Deaf Culture, and other related educational and community resources.

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## **AROUND THE CITY**

### **September 28: National Night Out Kickoff Celebration**

We hope you will enjoy National Night Out in one of the great communities of District 6, but if your neighborhood is not participating, the City of San Antonio invites you to Brooks for the citywide celebration!



JOIN THE CITYWIDE  
**NATIONAL  
NIGHT OUT**  
KICKOFF CELEBRATION  
**#BROOKSNNO**



Sponsored by:  
**Academy**  
SPORTS+OUTDOORS



**SAT.**  
**SEP 28**

**5:00PM - 9:00PM**  
**HANGAR 9**

8081 Inner Circle Rd.,  
San Antonio, Texas, 78235

Join us as we celebrate and get to know our local law enforcement heroes with family-friendly activities and a free outdoor showing of "Zootopia" starting at dusk.



#livebrooks

For more information visit [livebrooks.com/events](http://livebrooks.com/events)




**Brooks**

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## September 30 - November 8: Swim Lessons at San Antonio Natatorium

Group swimming lessons are offered at the Natatorium for youth ages 4 and up as well as adults. Lessons are designed for beginning and intermediate skill levels. Group swimming lessons include six lessons offered over a two week period. Session dates and times are available vary and are available on our registration site.



**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
PARKS & RECREATION**

# SWIM LESSONS

**SAN ANTONIO NATATORIUM**

**AVAILABLE FOR AGES 4 & UP**

GROUP LESSONS	PRIVATE LESSONS
<b>\$30 TWO-WEEK SESSION</b> 45 MINUTE CLASS/ 3 DAYS PER WEEK	<b>\$50 TWO-WEEK SESSION</b> 30 MINUTE CLASS/ 2 DAYS PER WEEK
<b>SESSION 1 - SEPT 30 - OCT 11</b>	<b>SESSION 1 - OCT 1 - OCT 9</b>
<b>SESSION 2 - OCT 14 - OCT 25</b>	<b>SESSION 2 - OCT 15 - OCT 23</b>
<b>SESSION 3 - OCT 28 - NOV 8</b>	<b>SESSION 3 - OCT 29 - NOV 6</b>
<b>MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS &amp; FRIDAYS</b>	<b>TUESDAYS &amp; WEDNESDAYS</b>
<small>*5 STUDENTS PER INSTRUCTOR</small>	<small>*1 STUDENT PER INSTRUCTOR</small>

**1430 W CESAR CHAVEZ DR. / FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 210.207.3299 OR VISIT:**

**WWW.SAPARKSANDREC.COM**

**@SAPARKSANDREC**

## October 5: The Kelly Gala: A Celebration of Kelly AFB Families

Enjoy an evening of fun, reunion and remembrance as former Kelly employees and the Base are honored. Kelly memorabilia will be displayed. A sit-down dinner will be served and local band the Lamplighters will provide dance music from the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. Tickets can be purchased by phone.

**The Kelly Gala:**  
**A Celebration of**  
**Kelly AFB Families**  
**Saturday, October 5, 2019**  
**Dinner**  
**Music by: The Lamplighters Big Band**  
**6-11 pm**  
**St. Paul Community Center**  
**1201 Donaldson**  
**\$25 per person ~ \$40 per couple**  
**\$160 for table of 8**



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## **October 7 - October 29: VIA Reimagined Plan Information Sessions**

VIA Metropolitan Transit will be hosting several Public Meetings in the month of October 2019. VIA is Reimagining Transit and you're part of the plan. We're delivering a **Better, Faster, Smarter** transit system so that you can spend more time doing what you love. The VIA Reimagined plan consist of three key elements:

1. Better Bus System - More frequent and reliable transit across the service area.
2. Advanced Rapid Transit - A network of high-capacity vehicles running in dedicated lanes to bypass traffic.
3. Smart Transit - Using technology to improve the customer experience.

Please join us at an **information session** to learn more about the **VIA Reimangined plan** and how it can work for you. All Open Houses will be from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM on the dates and locations below:



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## AND YOU'RE PART OF THE PLAN.

We're delivering a **BETTER, FASTER, SMARTER** transit system so that you can spend more time doing what you love. **IMAGINE THAT.**

### THE VIA REIMAGINED PLAN

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**Monday, October 7, 2019**  
**Lion's Field Adult & Senior Center**  
2809 Broadway  
SA, TX 78209

**Wednesday, October 9, 2019**  
**Eastside Education  
& Training Center**  
4551 Dietrich Rd.  
SA, TX 78219

**Thursday, October 10, 2019**  
**Ingram Transit Center**  
3215 Northwestern  
SA, TX 78238

**Tuesday, October 15, 2019**  
**Harlandale Civic Center**  
115 W. Southcross Blvd.  
SA, TX 78221

**Wednesday, October 16, 2019**  
**Mexican American Unity Council**  
2300 W. Commerce St., # 200  
SA, TX 78207

**Thursday, October 17, 2019**  
**Medical Center Transit Center**  
5330 Medical Drive  
SA, TX 78229

**Monday, October 21, 2019**  
**Port San Antonio**  
907 Billy Mitchell Blvd. Ste. 110  
SA, TX 78226

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019**  
**Crossroads Park & Ride**  
151 Crossroads Blvd.  
SA, TX 78201

**Monday, October 28, 2019**  
**The Ministry Center**  
4306 Naco Pass  
SA, TX 78217

**Tuesday, October 29, 2019**  
**Stone Oak Park & Ride**  
22139 U.S. Highway 281 North  
SA, TX 78258

We're on this journey together. We need your feedback to succeed and make the **VIA Reimagined Plan** a reality. Visit [VIAinfo.net/Reimagined](http://VIAinfo.net/Reimagined) today to learn more, submit feedback, sign up for alerts, or request a presentation. Email us at [reimagined@viainfo.net](mailto:reimagined@viainfo.net).



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## October 9: Fraud Prevention for the Elderly Town Hall



TEXAS  
Senator Jose Menendez  
DISTRICT 26

## FRAUD PREVENTION FOR THE ELDERLY

### Town Hall

ATTENTION  
Seniors &  
Caregivers

October 9, 2019  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Northside Activity Center  
7001 Culebra Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78238

#### Guest Speakers:

Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar  
San Antonio Chief of Police William McManus  
Bexar County District Attorney Joe Gonzales  
Judge Veronica Vasquez, Probate Court 2  
Ann Cortez, Texas Adult Protective Services

Free and open to the public  
Light refreshments will be served.

To RSVP or for more information contact us at:  
210-733-6604 or [district26.menendez@senate.texas.gov](mailto:district26.menendez@senate.texas.gov)

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## October 26: 2nd Annual abilitySTRONG Parade



Saturday, October 26th, 2019

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Downtown, San Antonio

#### 2019 Theme

Awareness...we're stronger together

2019 Motto: I Have A Voice

"I Have A Voice" is the 2019 pillar we  
will use to communicate this message to  
San Antonio.

2019 Grand Marshal:

The abilitySTRONG Parade is San Antonio's inaugural Disability Pride Celebration is a public expression of the belief that disability is a natural and beautiful part of human diversity in which people living with disabilities can take pride. Click [here](#) for more information.

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## **October 31: Deadline to Apply to the Neighborhood Leadership Academy**

The Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA) is a six month interactive course designed to equip residents with the knowledge, network, and skills to be effective neighborhood leaders. Participants will learn how to navigate through city services to become effective advocates for their communities.

Classes will be held the third Tuesday of the month, January through June 2020, at venues located throughout San Antonio.

Applications for the 2020 Neighborhood Leadership Academy accepted through October 31, 2019. Selected candidates will be notified by November 2019.

**READY TO APPLY? CLICK BELOW!**

**APPLY HERE**

## NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 2020

EMPOWER YOUR  
COMMUNITY



EXPAND YOUR  
NETWORK



STRENGTHEN YOUR  
LEADERSHIP

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**APPLY TODAY FOR  
NLA 2020**  
[SANANTONIO.GOV/NLA](http://SANANTONIO.GOV/NLA)

Applications for the 2020  
Neighborhood Leadership Academy  
accepted through **October 31st**

Interested in learning more about the NLA?  
Sign up for an information session at  
[NLA2020.eventbrite.com](http://NLA2020.eventbrite.com)  
Sessions held 10/2, 10/3, 10/5, 10/7, and 10/8

## NEWS FOR YOU

### Register for the Second Military Medical Industry Day at the Henry B Gonzalez Convention Center



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT**

The City of San Antonio and the San Antonio Economic Development Corporation (SAEDC) will host the second Military Medical Industry Day on October 15, 2019 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center from 8:00

AM to 5:00 PM. Through a series of these events, the City and SAEDC plan to showcase the significant military medical research and technology development in San Antonio, and promote opportunities for collaboration and partnerships with the private sector.

This Military Medical Industry Day will feature San Antonio's leading military medical research missions including the Naval Medical Research Unit-San Antonio, the Air Force's 59th Medical Wing, and the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research (ISR). These three organizations focus on treating the combat wounded and injured, including important clinical research initiatives such as the treatment of burns, polytraumatic injuries, and directed energy. In addition, these missions are dedicated to sustaining medical readiness through training opportunities for military medical personnel, as well as building healthy communities by providing routine care to service members, veterans, and their families.

"Following the success of our first Military Medical Industry Day in March 2019, we are eager to continue the momentum we started," said Mayor Ron Nirenberg. "Our Healthcare and Bioscience Industry recognizes the vital importance of the military medical research being conducted here in San Antonio. By planning these events, we are fostering opportunities for local companies and institutions to collaborate with the military on the development of new and innovative technologies for the battlefield and commercial sector."

Created out of the City of San Antonio's Military Life Science Commercialization Action Plan, the Military Medical Industry Day event is part of a larger effort to both help the military meet their medical mission requirements and leverage research to create community commercialization opportunities. San Antonio's military medical missions, along with local private medical and academic research institution such as Southwest Research Institute, Texas Biomedical Research Institute, BioBridge Global, UT Health San Antonio and UTSA, provide tremendous potential for partnerships and collaboration.

"The partnership between San Antonio's military medical research entities, academia and industry is paramount in ensuring that the most advanced technology developed in San Antonio is delivered to our nation's warfighter,

and therefore avoids the so called 'valley of death,' which too often plagues the translation of new technologies," said Sylvain Cardin, Ph.D., chief science director for the Navy Medical Research Unit-San Antonio.

This Military Medical Industry Day (MMID) will also offer attendees the opportunity to individually meet with military medicine representatives to discuss predetermined medical topics related to military operations. Attendees can ask questions about proposal submissions and requirements, pitch ideas, get clarification on preferred research approaches, etc., and receive immediate feedback on feasibility

"The synergy between military and private sector healthcare, education and research, along with the strong University and VA presence, makes San Antonio the nexus for clinical research and development. Our military greatly depends on our industry and academia partners to generate innovative ideas and develop medical products that save the lives of warfighters and continue to enhance the outcomes for our wounded warriors," said Maj. Gen. (Dr.) John J. DeGoes, 59th Medical Wing Commander.

This event includes briefings from local business leaders who have transitioned medical products used by the military as well as DoD subject matter experts from DHA Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR), Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR), Technology Transfer and Transition (T3), and Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs. Also planned is a session on how the FDA can help military medical R&D through Public Law 115-92.

The City and SAEDC plan to continue hosting similar Industry Day events in the coming months as we continue implementation of the San Antonio Military Life Science Action Plan and Charter developed and approved earlier this year.

This event is free and open to the public. To register, please access the following event page: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/military-medical-industry-days-ii-tickets-64545678863>

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